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# DEDICATION

We humbly recognize the rich heritage which is ours, as we pay this tribute to our forefathers who, 225 years ago, saw fit to constitute the ROCKS CHURCH.

Through years of struggle and hardships, the faithful ones of yesteryears have left an impressive pattern of Christian thought and conduct which has helped to guide the destiny of this community and those in the surrounding areas to whom its influence has reached.

Written by
Helen G. Inge

Foreword

We thank God for the two hundred twenty-five years of Rocks Baptist Church. God has blessed us. He has sustained us with his mercy and grace. Through the years this church has proclaimed the Word of God to bring salvation to sinners and to develop believers. To the end that this remains the purpose of the church, it will endure and bring glory to God. This continues to be done in ever widening circles.

The threads of dedication, sacrifice and faithfulness have been woven into the tapestry of this church's history. Through the years changes have occurred in both church and community. These changes have required the church to be sure of its purpose and sensitive to the methodologies that would achieve that purpose. The church is blessed by the wealth of talent and leadership among its members. They are to be commended for using these gifts for the building of God's kingdom. The words of this anthem should be the prayer of every member of Rocks Baptist Church:

"May all who come behind us find us faithful.
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
and the lives we live inspire them to obey.".

We extend our thanks to Miss Patricia Elder, Mrs. Helen Inge and Mrs. Louise Roach for the many hours spent in gathering information and material for this updated history of our church. Our thanks, also, to all who provided pictures or material for this history. We are also grateful to Mrs. Mary Edith Morris, Mr. Lloyd Richardson and Mrs. Ann Spain who served as our Homecoming Committee. We appreciate all who have contributed to make this history and this anniversary celebration a success.

Thomas D. Jones, pastor

Rocks Baptist Church

HISTORY OF ROCKS BAPTIST CHURCH

In giving the history of Rocks Baptist Church, we have to go back in our thinking to about the time our nation was founded, for it was in 1772 that the church was organized. It is the oldest continuous Baptist Church in Appomattox County. It claims the distinction of being the mother church of several in the area, namely: Liberty, Evergreen, Matthews, and Central. Elon was later formed from Matthews.

From the minutes of Liberty Baptist Church, dated August 7, 1834, we read: "The Presbytery called by the Rocks Church for the purpose of constituting a church at Liberty Meeting House, met according to appointment. Brethren John A. Lee, Archer A. Baldwin and Thomas A. Legrand who proceeded to constitute eleven members who had letters from other churches into a church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ agreeable to the United Baptist of America, and upon the principles and fundamental doctrine of the Appomattox Association."

From the first recorded minutes of the Evergreen Baptist Church, written January 29, 1907 we read in part as follows: At an adjourned business meeting of the Rocks Baptist Church, the following was transacted: We decided to grant, at their request, letters to the following Brethren and Sisters, seventy-three in number and any others who may wish to join us in the constitution of the new church, here to be called Evergreen Baptist Church."

The Rocks Church was organized in 1772 in, what was then, Prince Edward County, and from the history of Prince Edward County, by Herbert Bradshaw, we read: "Samuel Harris, on one of his missionary tours of Virginia preached in the Western part of Prince Edward County in 1771, where among his converts was Robert Jennings. As a result of this revival, Rocks Baptist Church was constituted about 1772 with 15 members. William Johnson became the first pastor of the church.

The location of the original church was among the rocks on Suanee Creek, and anyone visiting the original location can easily see how the church got its name. Just why this spot among these large rocks was chosen for a meeting place has puzzled many people, some thinking that it might have been for protection against the Indians, but a close study of the location reveals the fact that it could not be easily defended, so it must have been chosen for convenience, for the pioneers had the habit of making good use of natural objects, of which this place had its share.

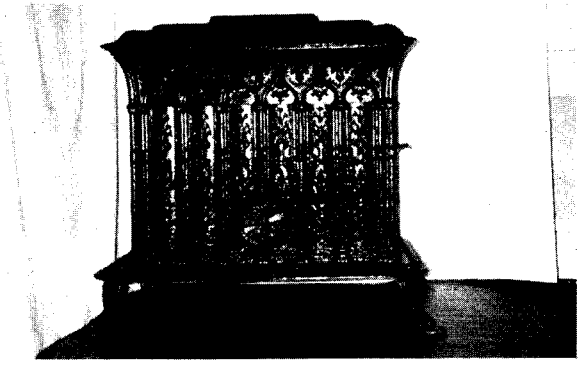
Before any church was built, meetings were held in this spot, and a rock on the left side of the stream about the right height for a man to lay his Bible was used for the pulpit. Also afforded by the place were the "Horse Blocks", which were formed by what seemed to be a large round rock split open, the space between being about two and a half feet. The ladies rode between the rocks and dismounted on which ever one was the right height.

Instead of this place being in such an undesirable area, as it is now with our modern ways of travel, it was very accessible then, being situated near the cross trails, making it the center of a large religious community. Dr. J. B. Jeter in his "Recollections of a Long Life" mentions attending the association at Rocks Church in 1826. As he mentions nothing about its location, it would indicate that he saw nothing about it that was unusual in his day. He mentions several prominent preachers who were present, among them, Luther Rice, Eli Ball, and Dr. Daniel Witt. With all these renowned preachers present, and the large audience mentioned goes to show that it was considered a very important religious center.

We might note here that until 1783 Rocks was in the Middle District Association at which time the association was divided by striking off two new associations, Meherrin and Appomattox, still leaving the Middle District Association. The first meeting of the Appomattox Association was at Walkers Church, then in Prince Edward County in 1804.[1] Rocks Church has been host to this annual gathering in the following years : 1826, 1844, 1864, 1896, 1930, 1964, 1976, 1987 & 1993.

Just when the first building was erected is not known, but it is believed to have been in 1772, when the church was organized or soon there after. The first building was simply a log house with one door and a chimney, and no windows, with seats made by splitting a log open and putting the split side up. These seats had no backs. Later this building was torn down and another one room house was built with a window near the pulpit and a door at each end of the building. An addition was built to this later and some more windows added. Where the two buildings united, the floor was perhaps 12 inches difference in height, which caused many falls by people who were not used to the dark aisles. The size of the building was 45 x 25, and it was sealed with wide boards, unpainted, and the roof was shingled and tarred. Rocks formed the steps at both doors, and the door near the pulpit was used most, as it was lower to the ground. Once inside the men sat on one side of the church, and the women on the other, there being a strip down the middle to separate the two sides. The building was heated with a cast iron stove, which is now in the possession of Donna Martin Pattie, granddaughter of Samuel Hunter Martin who gave the stove to the church.

[1] Seminole's History of the Rise and Progress of Virginia Baptists, revised by Rev. G. W. Beale, 1894.



The land for the first church was given by Mr. Robert Jennings, one of the charter members of the church.

The earliest church records have been destroyed, but in a book dated 1841, we find a copy of the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum for the church, which reads as follows:

"Article I We believe in one only true and living God: Father, Son and Spirit, three persons equally of the same divine and eternal Essence.

Article II That the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the true word of God and contain a revelation of his will and they are the only and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

Article III Having fellowship one with another and having given ourselves to the Son, we give ourselves to each other in the fear of God to meet together at the Rocks Church on every Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in each month, and on the fourth Sabbath also for the following purposes to wit: Article(I) to carry on the worship of God, (2) His ordinances (3) The government and discipline of His church we do hereby agree and solemnly engage in covenant favor with each to be watched over, and to watch each other in the fear of the Lord and that we will endeavor through grace to keep up the credit of religion. That we will seek the welfare of each other, pray with and for each other, bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ and we further covenant with each other that we keep ourselves from christian whisperings, that is, talking of our Brethren's imperfections or of circulating reports, but if we know any to be overtaken in a fault, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness. If any trespass against us go and tell him his or her fault between us and them alone and deal with them in gospel order as is specially set forth in the 18th Chapter of Saint Matthew's Gospel.

Article IV This constitution shall be subject to amendment whenever two-thirds of the members present shall agree.

Article V In this constitution the majority shall rule except in church fellowship.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE ROCKS CHURCH

We the Baptist Church of Christ at the Rocks do hereby adopt the following rules for the regulation of our church:

Article I We do mutually agree to meet in conference once in each month to make necessary regulations belonging to a church as a body of Christians.

Article II The minister when present shall preside over the deliberation of each conference, to open and close by prayer, and when absent the church shall organize and elect a moderator protem and dismiss in order.

Article III Five members shall form a quorum for business and all business of importance when done shall be committed to record and read to the church.

Article IV In all cases of private offences the offended shall go to the offender and ask of him satisfaction. Should he fail to take this step he shall become a subject of the church's consideration.

Article V In all cases of public offences the church shall cite him to appear and give public satisfaction.

Article VI All business done on church meeting days shall be satisfactory to absent members and if they should be found murmuring before the world they shall be subject to the rule laid down in the fourth article.

Article VII In all cases a majority shall rule only in church fellowship receiving of members, or minister in that case it shall be unanimous.

Article VIII The members should feel morally bound to furnish the treasury with sufficient funds to defray the necessary expenses of the church not less than $.25 each.

Article IX The Sacrament shall be administered twice a year, namely May and September.

Article X No member shall wander from the subject under discussion nor personally reflect upon any member but shall simply give his light upon the subject under consideration.

Article XI No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without first obtaining leave of the church."

Preaching was held once a month on Sunday and the Saturday preceding. A church business meeting was held at each Saturday preaching service. As far back as 1885 we have a record of hiring the service of a sexton, who was paid a yearly salary of $5.00. In 1881 the pastor was paid $60.00 a year.

The records of the pastors who have served the church at the original site is incomplete. As has been stated earlier, Rev. Samuel Harris organized the church, which seems to have been one among many attributed to him in a large area extending into his home county, Lunenburg, Halifax County and others. From the record, Rocks is the earliest Baptist church on record in what was then Prince Edward

County.

William Johnson was the first pastor. We read of a Mr. John McLeroy in the early years that we do not have exact dates of service on. Elder John Weatherford served as pastor in 1790, for how long a period we do not know. Others who served as pastors were Gabriel Walker, J.H. Cawthorne, Archer A. Baldwin, and Elder P. Mathews.[2]

From 1875 to 1877 William Moore was pastor, then S.J. Atkins 1878-1881. Rev. J. B. Bristow served the church for a year, 1881-1882 and during this time we have an insight into the spiritual life of the church from the minutes of 1881, " Our pastor aided by Bro. Wm. Fisher commenced a protracted meeting on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in October 1881, which continued nearly two weeks with great success in the revival of the membership, the conversion of nearly 40 souls and greatly strengthening the church." Signed J.B. Bristow, Moderator, J. W. Clark, church clerk. An interesting fact recorded in the minutes was when it came time to vote on Rev. Bristow for another year as pastor, there was a tie between he and Rev. Fisher. Straws were drawn to decide which would be the pastor, and Rev. Fisher got the job. He then preached for eleven years, 1882-1893. It was during his pastorate that plans got under way for a new house of worship.

In October, 1887, the church agreed to build a new church on the same church lot. Samuel Cawthorne, Joshua Clark, Thomas Ransone, Joseph Ferguson and A. W. Baldwin were appointed as a building committee, who were to raise subscriptions and locate and put under contract the building when, in their good judgement, sufficient amounts were subscribed. The building committee was authorized to sell or use the material of the old house of worship as they thought advisable. The size of the new building to be 45 X 35. In March, 1888, it was decided to postpone building for another year.

In July, 1891, the church resolved to build a new church, and buggies being cheaper, and roads being better they decided to move its location. Mr. S. C. Cawthorne, James Clark, John Cawthorne, Henry Pittman and Thomas Ransone, were appointed as a committee to locate the place and to take in charge the building of a new house of worship. Six acres of land was bought at the present site, and in August and September preaching was held at the grove here. In October, just four months after the committee was appointed, preaching was held in the new church, which was finished all except painting. The building was dedicated the following summer.

The first mention of Sunday School, then called Sabbath School, was in March of 1886, and Mr. Wylie Meadows was elected as superintendent.

Up until August 1893 the pastor was called for a year at the time, but at the meeting at that time, it was decided that the church in the future would call a pastor

[2] Sample's History of the Rise and Progress of the Virginia Baptists, revised by Rev. G. W. Beale, 1894.

indefinitely as to time, and he was to preach as long as both church and pastor were satisfied, either party to give three months notice of dissatisfaction.

Rev. W. E. Wright came to the church as pastor in 1894, and served through 1897, at a salary of $150.00 a year. It was in this year that the Mission's Envelope system was started, and the envelope system for pastor's salary was started in 1895. The enrollment of the church in 1898 was 138.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in March 1896, under the leadership of Rev. Wright. Miss Carrie Cawthorne was its first president. In the church minutes in 1902 we find the men encouraging the women to increase its membership in the W. M. U.

The church became one of a field of churches in 1897 and Rev. P. T. Warren was the first pastor of the field 1897-1901. The minutes do not state what churches constituted the field at this time. Rocks Church agreed to pay $140.00 a year for the pastor's salary, and the total salary was $550.00. During Rev. Warren's pastorate in 1899, a system was started that continued for many years. Each year a committee was appointed to collect money for the following seven boards of the General Association; (1) Foreign Missions (2) Home Missions (3) State Missions (4) S. S. and Bible Board (5) Ministerial Education (6) Minister Relief (7) Education Commission.

The minutes of February 1899 state: " The Committee of Pastor and Deacons appointed at last meeting to frame a resolution relating to delinquent church members submitted the following: Whereas a failure to attend church and help in its support is inconsistent with church membership, therefore, Resolved, that any member of this church who does not attend its service for a period of twelve months, nor contribute to its support, nor to any Boards of the General Association, when able to do so, shall be deemed fit subject for discipline and dismissal from the church." On motion this was adopted unanimously.

Rev. W. E. Warren served the church as pastor from 1901-1906. It was in October 1903 that the church voted to secure an organ. Committee appointed to collect money for this was Sister Carrie Cawthorn and Sister Emogene Clark. In February 1905 this organ was purchased.

In August 1906 Bro. George W. Cawthorne asked for a letter of commendation as a student for the ministry. This was granted in September 1906.

Rev. Hubble supplied for the church for about a year, 1906-1907. Rev. J. B. Williams came as pastor for a year 1907-1908. He was followed by Rev. G. A. Chocklett, who served the church for a period of four years 1908-1912.

Financial problems were always present with the church, particularly in the matter of the pastor's salary, and paying the sexton. Just how hard, we can see from the minutes of October 1912, when the church received a letter from Bro. Peters stating there was a deficit in the associational fund. Tipton Jennings was appointed

to raise 50 cents which was sent to Bro. Peters.

Rev. C. R. Norris came to the church in 1913, and his death occurred in 1914 while pastor. The associational minutes record that with his death, Appomattox County was left without a Baptist minister within its limits.

Dr. Vernon Ianson served the church for two years 1916-1918, and resigned because of ill health. Rev. C. W. McElroy pastored the church for a few months, then Rev. C. K. Hobbs served the church for one year 1919-1920. Rev. T. J. Ragland followed him for two years 1921-1923, then Rev. E. F. Burnett came to the church for four years 1923-1927.

It was during the time Rev. Burnett was here that the field purchased the first parsonage in 1923, from Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Thomas at Evergreen for $3,000.00. It seems that Rocks, Hollywood, Central and Reedy Springs constituted the field at this time. In February 1926 Reedy Springs sold their interest in the parsonage to Evergreen Baptist Church, which made them hold one fourth interest in the field parsonage. In 1936 this parsonage burned and the churches took steps immediately to rebuild it on the same site.

In June 1923 the first remodeling was done on the church building when Bro. Lewis Dickerson said he would buy the cement to replace the wood steps at the front of the church, if the other members would furnish rock, sand, etc. Motion was made to do this, and this work was begun by Bro. W. C. Garrett and Bro. W. F. Ranson in July.

The minutes of June 1925 state that Bro. Lewis E. Dickerson was granted a license to preach.

Money was still hard to come by in 1925 while Rev. Burnett was here and the pastor's salary was in arrears. The pastor offered to give them $55.00 of the $216.02 due if they could pay him the rest of it within a month. The church lacked $18.27 of getting the amount, so a note for thirty days was made for this balance.

Rev. T. E. Goad came to the field in 1927 and served through 1930. In October of 1927 the church paid off the parsonage debt.

In September 1928 the church voted to build Sunday School rooms in the gallery at the entrance to the church, and appointed committees to collect on this. This did not meet with much success, and the project was dropped in March 1929, and did not come up again until 1941, when the work was done.

In 1928 the B. Y. P. U. (Baptist Young People's Union) was organized with 41 members.

Rev. R. T. Smith came to the field in 1931 and served until 1939.

In 1934 Miss Elvira Martin and Mrs. D. W. Dinkins (Kate) were instrumental in getting an electric line to the church, and in 1935 electric lights replaced the gas lights used before.

In July 1939 Carl A. Collins became our pastor. His ordination took place on September 24, 1939 at Evergreen Baptist Church.

As the need for Sunday School rooms grew a committee was appointed in November 1941 consisting of Rev. Carl Collins, Chairman, Mr. H. F. Martin and W. T. Ranson, and plans got under way for this addition. Timber was cut from the old church site and sold to buy necessary lumber for this project. The five Sunday School rooms were completed and dedicated on December 20, 1941.

In January 1941 the W. M. U. stated it would give one communion set to the church if the church would buy the other one. This was done and the individual glass set replaced the two-cup set that the church had previously used.

Under the leadership of Rev. Carl A. Collins, Daily Vacation Bible School was started in 1940, and Rev. Collins served as its first principal. This has been a summer activity of the church since that time.

Rev. Collins' pastorate here terminated in October 1942 when he left to assume his duties as Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Rev. A. C. Lawson came to the field in 1943 and served the church for nearly three years ending his pastorate 1945.

The church cemetery is located at the rear of the church. We feel that recognition is certainly due one who was not a member of our church, but was made an Honorary Member of the Cemetery Committee in 1944. No member was more capable of giving information about the cemetery, or more willing to work whenever anything was needed to be done there, than Mr. A. T. Anderson.

Rev. C. G. Carter came as pastor in 1945 and served until 1949. Those who worked with Rev. Carter in Bible School will never forget the love and concern he had for young people. He was succeeded by Rev. Tearle Brown as pastor from 1950-1951.

In 1951 it again became necessary to consider a building project as some repair work was needed and more space also. A committee consisting of S. E. Ranson, Glenn Martin, H. W. Ranson, T. E. Inge, and W. T. Ranson were appointed by Rev. Brown in April of that year. The contracts for the work, namely: remodeling outside and inside of the building, adding two Sunday School rooms and basement, installing a heating system, bricking the exterior, and purchasing new pews, were signed in June 1952 after Rev. David L. Bailey came to the field. The architecture and interior color scheme were carried out in keeping with the Old Colonial Style. The cornerstone was laid September 16, 1952 and the work was finished and dedicated November 31, 1952.

The Brotherhood Organization was started as a Field Organization in 1952 with Bro. Edward Ranson of our church as its first president. It was not long until each church had its own Brotherhood, and this is still an active group in our church.

Rev. Bailey served the church from 1952-1955. Rev. W. E. Donald supplied for our church for about a year, then Joseph R. Darden began his pastorate in 1956 and served until 1958. In July 1957 the Deacon Rotation System was started with each deacon serving three-year terms. This system is still in use. The credit for the organization of our Y. W. A. (Young Women's Auxiliary) work and also the R. A. (Royal Ambassador's) work in the church goes to the Dardens.

Before Rev. Darden came to the field of churches, Evergreen Church voted to go in with Red Oak Baptist Church and secure a half-time pastor. Rocks, Central and Hollywood voted to buy Evergreen's share of the parsonage.

In the fall of 1958 Rev. W. H. Elder came to serve the three churches.

In October 1961 the church held a note-burning service marking the completion of payment of the indebtedness on the church for the building started in 1952. At the business meeting this same month a building committee was appointed consisting of Harry W. Ranson, Walter Ranson, Edward Ranson, Claiborne Inge, Lloyd Richardson and Glenn Martin to see about some more needed space.

In March 1962 the church voted in business session to "authorize and empower the deacons and trustees to negotiate a loan for $10,000.00 to build two Sunday School rooms, and two rest rooms on the first floor, with full basement, and to dig a well." This indebtedness was paid off in June of 1965.

In October 1964 the church voted to begin some work at the Old Rocks site that would make it suitable for Baptismal services, and also develop it into an area dedicated to wholesome recreational activities. In November 1965 additional land was purchased from Charles Baldwin so the property of the church would extend to the state road. Building rest rooms, building a picnic pavilion, and other clearing of brush, has made this sacred spot a place to enjoy Christian fellowship and recreation amid the beauties of nature and the history of the past.

The clear glass windows of the church were replaced with stained windows in June 1966, and an electric organ was purchased in 1970, both of which helped to stimulate a more woshipful atmosphere in the sanctuary.

In 1968 the Rocks Church voted to build a parsonage here. The Burress Land and Lumber Company donated land adjoining church property for this purpose. In January, 1969, the church agreed to sell its share of the parsonage at Evergreen to the other two churches in the field, namely Hollywood and Central. The committee in charge of the building plans for the parsonage were Thomas Ranson, Aulden Roach, Walter Ranson, Lloyd Richardson, Glenn McIntosh and Harry W. Ranson. In October, 1969, the building being completed, homecoming of the church and dedication of the new parsonage were held. On November 25, 1970 a Thanksgiving

Service and note-burning service of the note on the parsonage were held, just thirteen months after the dedication of the building.

In 1971 more space was needed and a building committee was elected, Harry W. Ranson, Edward Ranson, Walter Ranson and Lloyd Richardson.

YEAR 1972

In March the building committee presented to the church plans for eleven Sunday School classrooms and remodeling of the sanctuary. The cost to be $65,858.00. Church voted to borrow no more than $50,000.00 paying off in 15 years, the monthly payments $449.42. Contractor began work in April.

Easter Sunrise services were held at the Old Rocks grounds, inviting those churches gone out from Rocks.

On July 30th the 200th anniversary of the church was celebrated. Dress was that of 200 years ago. Dr. Richard Stephenson executive director of the Virginia Baptist General Board was guest speaker.

An update of the church roll showed that since 1850 there had been 726 members. Church membership July 1972 was 211. Sunday School enrollment 170. Training Union enrollment 79. The mission organization of the church include WMS, Acteens, Girls in Action, Children in Action, Mission Friends and Brotherhood. At this time R. A.'s were not an active group.

The steeple was erected October 5th.

In November the church voted to participate in the annuity program for the pastor. The church would pay 10%.

Robert E. Roach gave bell for belfry. Rev. Elder would ring the bell each Sunday morning at 9 a. m.

YEAR 1973

March the contractor completed work.

In April Rev. Elder gave the field of churches notification that he would retire June 1974. Rocks voted to terminate their field relationship with Central and Hollywood and go full time June 1974.

The chandelier that hung in the first church at the present site was now owned by Odelle Paulett. Odelle gave this back to the church and it now hangs in the vestibule of present church.

On July 24 cushioned pews for the sanctuary were purchased as memorial pews by individuals or families. The Harry W. Ranson family gave three new chairs for pulpit area. The Clarence Richardson family gave the lectern. The communion table was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore.

In August a pulpit committee was named to search for the first full time pastor. The committee members were Joe Almond, Frank Elder, Helen Inge, W.R. Moore, Lloyd Richardson, Harry E. Ranson and Thomas Ranson.

The outside bulletin board was completed in October.

YEAR 1974

A new piano was purchased for the Sanctuary in April.

A call was extended to Rev. Donald S. Wagner as the first full time pastor. He assumed his duties August 1, serving until 1976.

In November the church voted to have the Lord's Supper the first Sunday of each quarter, January, April, July, and October.

In December a Constitution and By-laws committee was elected. This committee consisted of Joe Almond, Bill Caldwell, Helen Inge, Etta Inge, and Lloyd Richardson. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the church August 1975.

YEAR 1975

In February, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ranson presented the church with 150 copies of the New Baptist Hymnal.

In April, improvements were made on the church yard and parking lot. Also the church voted to do the first pictorial directory.

In May, it was voted to have the Religious Herald in every home.

Homecoming was held September 7th with Dr. Carl A. Collins, speaker and the Rocks Quartet singing.

W. R. Moore was made an honorary deacon in December.

YEAR 1976

Dr. J. J. Bowman was called as Interim pastor, serving from October 1, 1976 through February 1977.

YEAR 1977

In January Rev. A. M. Taylor was extended a call as pastor. Rev. Taylor served from March 1977 through May 1981.

In February Rev. W. H. Elder was honored as Pastor Emeritus. Also Mrs. Elder was recognized in appreciation of her service to the church.

The parsonage was air conditioned, new well dug and utility building built on parsonage grounds in May.

Homecoming was held October 30th. The church debt was paid off.

YEAR 1978

In February land was given by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Ranson to extend the cemetery.

In October the church decided to link with a church in another association. The sister relationship was made with East Peacham in East Peacham, Vermont.

YEAR 1979

In April fifteen members of the church went to Peacham to help with visitation, revival, and worked on the worship center. Those participating in the mission were : Rev. A. M. Taylor, Bill and Ruth Caldwell, Joanne Elder, Lewis and Marilyn Harris, Rita Inge, Toby and Helen Inge, Peggy Lewis, Sandra McIntosh, Susan Morris, Patty Roach, Gillette Elder and Patricia Elder.

Homecoming and Member Appreciation Day was held in July.

In November the choir was presented with new choir robes.

YEAR 1980

In January, Rocks voted to join with the Appomattox Baptist Association in sponsoring refugees from Vietnam. Le and Phung arrived here in April, and Ri Van Lam had arrived by July 1980. Ri's wife Chinh, and stepson Quang joined him in May 1981. Ri and Chinh were both baptized as members of Rocks.

In May, the church entered into a building program to add a baptistry and move the choir area, add wing on right side of church to include fellowship hall, kitchen, carport and upstairs rooms over fellowship hall to be finished at a later date.

YEAR 1981

In March the church commissioned David Heath to paint the baptistry mural of Old Rocks. A dedication was held for the new building and remodeling on March 29th.

A call was extended to Rev. J. Wesley Williams in August. Rev. Williams served as pastor from September 1981 until January 15, 1989.

YEAR 1982

Rocks voted to give $800.00 towards the purchase of a baptistry for Peacham Baptist Church in East Peacham, Vermont. The baptistry was delivered to Peacham in September by Lewis, Marilyn and Amy Harris.

YEAR 1983

In July a ministry to Mexican farm workers was begun by the Appomattox Baptist Association. Rocks voted to participate by providing fellowship and refreshments one Sunday each summer. This ministry continues at the present time.

YEAR 1984

Finishing of all the rooms over the fellowship hall was completed. Dedication of the new rooms and Homecoming featuring "historical" highlights of our history was held on September 30th.

Year 1985

In the summer Rocks held a Backyard Bible Club at Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park in Spout Spring, Va. This has been held every year since and has grown into a summer-long Associational wide ministry. The Association took over in 1996.

YEAR 1987

In September the church voted to build a handicap ramp in front of the church and renovate one bathroom to accomodate the handicapped.

YEAR 1988

In May, Rocks participated in the WMU Centennial. A WMU quilt was made and displayed by members of the Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women.

A Baldwin organ and a new D. H. Baldwin grand piano were purchased by the church with funds left by Miss Cassie Baldwin. These instruments were dedicated in her memory.

YEAR 1989

The old organ was given to our sister church Peacham by church vote. Lewis Harris delivered the organ.

In December $20,195.95 was received by the church from the estate of W. F. Woodall with stipulations to be used as follows 5,000.00 to the W. R. Moore Cemetery Fund; $7,500.00 to missions, and $7,695.96 however the church decides.

The church voted to call Dr. Otis McClung as interim pastor. He served from March 1989 until April 1990.

YEAR 1990

The church voted to surface treat the church parking area at a cost of

$13,735.00.

The State Baptist General Association commended Rocks for the year 1990 gifts to the Cooperative Program, ranking 34th in the state.

The Pastor Search Committee recommended calling Rev. Thomas D. Jones as pastor. This was seconded and carried by vote of the church. Rev. Jones began his ministry in May.

In July it was voted to discontinue Sunday night services and use the time for special services at specified times.

Plans were made for the 100th anniversary of Rocks Church on its present site. This was observed October 28th with emphasis that day on High Attendance in Sunday School, also "Old Fashioned" clothes, and bountiful dinner were a part of this successful observance.

The church voted to add $1.500.00 to the W. R. Moore Perpetual Cemetery Fund.

Year 1991

A new storage building was built on the church grounds.

Year 1992

A gift of one acre of land adjoining the cemetery was given by Clayton Bryant Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shrock. This was surveyed without charge by William Dickerson.

Lloyd Richardson authorized by Court Record to replace Toby Inge, deceased, as trustee of Rocks Baptist Church, to serve with Glenn Martin and Jim Frank Ranson, previously elected trustees. This was done in July.

A senior Adult Ministry was started in July with Mrs. Carol Jones as director.

The church has participated in the Partnership Missions plans sponsored by the State Baptist Association, and accepted by the Appomattox Baptist Association. Our church has had members who have served in Massachusetts, Mexico, India, Costa Rica, West Virginia, Portsmouth, Florida and Israel.

Year 1994

In January, the title Deacon Emeritus was bestowed on Wilson Almond, Edward Ranson, Harry W. Ranson, James Frank Ranson, Sr. and Jeter Witt Wooldridge for their many years of faithful service. At the present time Jim Frank is the only one living.

In February the church voted to become involved with the Appomattox Habitat for Humanity projects and volunteers are working with the building of these homes

in the county.

Year 1996

The Sister church relationship with Peacham in Vermont was terminated in January, there being no further assistance needed by them.

In September the church voted, upon reccomendation of the deacons, that we enter into a sister relationship with the Emmanuel Church in Connamaugh Valley, Pa.

At the end of 1996 church year the membership of Rocks was 254. Mission offerings $29,656.00 and $500.00 for Habitat for Humanity. New budget for 1996-97 $98,512.00.

As we look back on the 225 years since the Rocks church was founded, the great changes in tangible and intangible ways have been due, in part, to changes in the community, the economy, and way of life over the years.

The Rocks community was a rural farming community with small, to large farms, with two-story homes dotting the landscape for miles around. Families were large and most in the community were related to one another as family, or by marriage. The living was made from the land, so vegetables, fruits and even meats were no problem, and most clothing was made at home, leaving few necessities to be purchased. Usually there was a "money crop" of tobacco, corn or wheat.

The church was the pivotal point of social contacts, as well as religious worship. The past 75 years, when horse and wagon gave way to cars and tractors, and other new things, have probably seen more changes in our country and in our community, than any previous time. As progress came to urban areas, the rural areas, though much later, began to change. In 1935 the church had electric lights, and a few years later electrical lines began to go up in the community. Public jobs were available for men and women. Many who had never worked off the farm found a paying job away from home. Cars and better roads made transportation easier and quicker.

Farming in the community decreased. What had once been farm land became building sites for family members, or new comers to the area. Where once the homes were some distance apart it now began to look like a village at night with lights of many homes.

Ease of transportation gave people more opportunity for choices of a place of worship, so churches experience growth not only from the community area, but from other areas.

Along with the growth in membership over the years to 254 in 1997, and the resulting changes to the church building, there have been organizational changes as well; some, more in terminology than in methods, but names that gave more emphasis to purpose.

The SUPERINTENDENT of the Sunday School became the DIRECTOR.

From 1928 when our BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION was organized, until the present there has been several name changes, and now is DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION organizations in 1970 made several name changes:

SUNBEAMS for many, many years became MISSION FRIENDS.

GIRL'S AUXILIARY became GIRLS IN ACTION (still GA).

YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY became ACTEENS.

BAPTIST WOMEN and BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN became WOMEN ON MISSION in 1996.

The BROTHERHOOD is now BAPTIST MEN.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS known as R.A.'S still have the same name.

Along with economic changes in our country, so has come financial changes in budget needs, and giving in the church. In 1977 we had a budget of $25,606.00 and in 1997 our budget is $98,512.00.

In 1942 $14.80 was given to the Foreign Mission offering (Lottie Moon Christmas offering). This offering was from the WMU organization, it was not a church wide offering. A few years later it became a church wide effort, with WMU promoting it. Our offering for 1996 was $2,725.00.

This book covers the recorded history of our church from 1772-1997. Much of the foregoing history is a record of tangible growth, but we would not lose sight of the fact that back of this is a membership that not only has grown in numbers, but we feel spiritually, as we have sought to work together in a cooperative effort for the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom in the rural community where we live and serve, and throughout the world by our involvement in mission endeavors of our Southern Baptist Convention.

Along with changes that have come in these times are many outside influences that threaten the stability of faith, and lower the moral standards of youth and adults. We humbly pray for the ministry of Rocks Church to meet the challenge of the increased pressure from these influences.

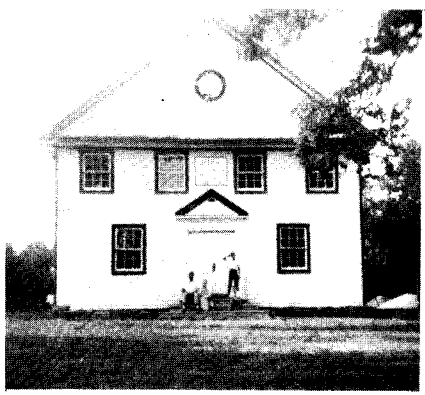
We are humbly grateful for the young people and adults who have gone out to other places, near and far, and continue to exert a Christian influence wherever they may be.

OUR CHURCH 1772 - 1997

Original site of Rocks Baptist Church on Suanee Creek, 1772 - 1891.

Original site develeped in 1964, used for baptizing and recreation

First building on present site, 1891 - 1941



Remodeled 1941

Remodeled and addition, 1951

New wing added, 1962

Remodeled and new wing added, 1972

Remodeled sanctuary and added wing, 1980

OUR PASTORS

Rev. William Fisher
1882 - 1893

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Chocklett
1908 - 1912

Rev. C. W. McElroy
1918 - 1919

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Ragland
1921 - 1923

Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Burnett
1923 - 1927

Rev. T. E. Goad
1927 - 1930

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith
1931 - 1939

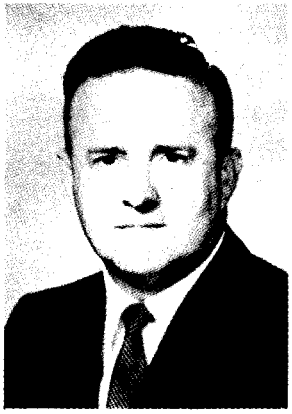
Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Collins
1939 - 1942

Rev. A. C. Lawson
1943 - 1945

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter
1945 - 1949

Rev. and Mrs. Tearle P. Brown
1949 - 1952

Rev. David L. Bailey
1952 - 1955

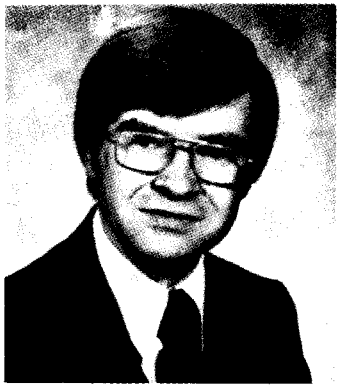


Rev. Joseph R. Darden
1956 - 1958

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder
1958 - 1974

Rev. and Mrs. Donald S. Wagner
1974 - 1976

Rev. A. M. Taylor
1977 - 1981



Rev. Wes Williams
1981 - 1989

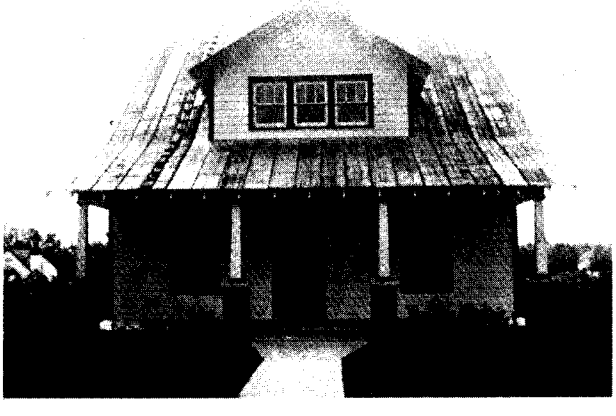
Rev. Thomas D. Jones
1990 -

FORMER PASTORS NOT PICTURED:

Rev. Samuel Harris - Organizer 1772
Rev. William Johnson - First Pastor
Mr. John McLeroy - dates unknown
Elder John Weatherford -1790-unknown
Gabriel Walker - dates unknown
J. H. Cawthorne - dates unknown
Archer E. Baldwin - dates unknown
Elder P. Matthews - dates unknown
Rev. William Moore - 1875 - 1877
Rev. S. J. Atkins - 1878 - 1881
Rev. J. B. Bristow - 1881-1882
Rev. W. E. Wright - 1894 - 1897
Rev. P. T. Warren - 1897 - 1901
Rev. W. E. Warren - 1901 - 1906
Rev. D. S. Hubble - supply 1906 - 1907
Rev. J. B. Williams - 1907 - 1908
Rev. C. R. Norris - 1913 - 1914
Dr. Vernon Ianson - 1916 - 1918
Rev. C. K. Hobbs - 1919 - 1920
Rev. Rev. W. E. Donald - supply 1955 - 1956
Dr. J. J. Bowman - interim Oct. 1976 - Feb. 1977
Dr. Otis McClung - interim Mar.1989 - Apr. 1990

# PARSONAGES

First field parsonage at Evergreen. Burned in 1936.



Field parsonage rebuilt at Evergreen in 1937.

Rocks parsonage built in 1969

Dedication of Rocks Parsonage

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, Rev. and Mrs R. P. Welch,
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder, and Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Collins

# SUNDAY SCHOOL
## Organized 1888

Music teacher and some older members of S. S. around 1920. Front Row: Punch Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ranson. Back Row: A. A. Baldwin, Mrs. Nora Meadows, Mrs. Laura Roach.

Sunday School around 1930

Sunday School 1943

Children's Division 1972

Youth Division 1972

Adult Division 1972

Ken Caldwell
Present Sunday School Director

Karl Freshwater
Present Assistant
Sunday School Director

Present Preschool Department

Present Children's Department

Present Youth Department

Present Young Adult Department

Present Median Adult Department

Present Senior Adult Department

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS OR DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Wylie Meadows | 1886 |
| Joseph Meadows | 1887 - 1890 |
| A. A. Baldwin | 1891 - 1983 |
| R. P. Jennings | 1894 |
| A. A. Baldwin | 1895 - 1896 |
| W. J. Paulette | 1897 |
| S. H. Martin/A. A. Baldwin | 1898 |
| S. H. Martin | 1899 |
| W. C. Farrar | 1900 - 1902 |
| E. F. Glover | 1903 |
| W. C. Farrar | 1904 - 1905 |
| A. A. Baldwin | 1906 - 1908 |
| G. T. Marsh | 1909 - 1911 |
| G. H. Ranson | 1912 |
| G. T. Marsh | 1913 |
| S. C. Ranson | 1914 |
| Board of Deacons | 1915 |
| T. P. Dawson | 1916 - 1924 |
| L. E. Dickerson | 1925 - 1927 |
| D. W. Dinkins/J. A. Garrette | 1928 |
| G. H. Ranson | 1929 - 1930 |
| J. A. Garrette | 1931 - 1933 |
| Edward Ranson | 1934 |
| J. A. Garrette | 1935 |
| C. Eugene Richardson | 1936 - 1938 |
| Richard Inge | 1939 - 1941 |
| Edward Ranson | 1942 - 1945 |
| Toby E. Inge | 1945 - 1947 |
| Edward Ranson | 1948 - 1955 |
| Toby E. Inge | 1956 |
| Lloyd Richardson | 1957 - 1961 |
| Aulden Roach | 1962 - 1963 |
| Lloyd Richardson | 1964 - 1971 |
| Harry E. Ranson | 1972 - 1975 |
| Lloyd Richardson | 1976 - 1977 |
| Harry E. Ranson | 1978 |
| Glenn Morris | 1979 - 1980 |
| Spud Almond | 1981 |
| Lloyd Richardson | 1982 |
| Spud Almond | 1983 - 1985 |
| Frank Lee Elder | 1986 - 1988 |
| David Sandman | 1989 |
| Frank Lee Elder | 1990 - 1991 |
| Lewis Harris | 1992 - 1994 |
| Kendall Caldwell | 1995 - 1997 |

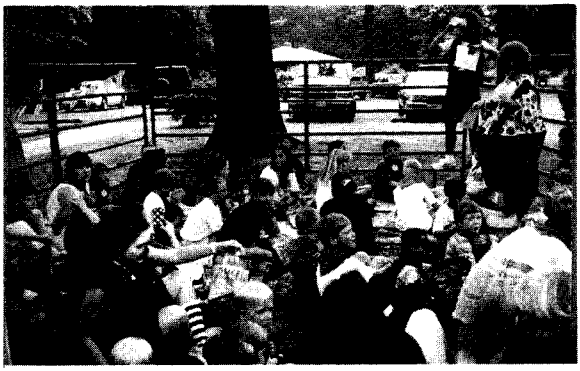
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Organized 1940
By Pastor Carl A. Collins, Jr.

Bible School 1940

Vacation Bible School - 1953

Vacation Bible School - 1958

Vacation Bible School - 1972



Vacation Bible School - 1997

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OR DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr. | 1940 - 1942 |
| No Records | 1943 - 1946 |
| Mrs. Rosa Inge | 1947 |
| Mrs. Helen G. Inge | 1948 - 1949 |
| Rev. Tearle Brown | 1950 |
| Mrs. Helen G. Inge | 1951 |
| Rev. David L. Bailey | 1952 |
| Mrs. Helen G. Inge | 1953 - 1956 |
| Rev. J. R. Darden | 1957 |
| Mrs. Helen G. Inge | 1958 - 1969 |
| Mrs. Louise R. Roach | 1970 - 1972 |
| Mrs. Carolyn Dickerson | 1973 |
| Mrs. Louise R. Roach | 1974 - 1975 |
| Mrs. Ruth Caldwell | 1976 - 1978 |
| Mrs. Marilyn Harris | 1979 - 1980 |
| Mrs. Mary Edith Morris | 1981 - 1983 |
| Mrs. Zandra Elder | 1984 - 1986 |
| Mrs. Audrey Almond | 1987 |
| Mrs. Connie Sandman | 1988 - 1990 |
| Mrs. Mary Anne Freshwater | 1991 - 1992 |
| Mrs. Zandra Elder | 1993 - 1994 |
| Mrs. Debbie Elliott | 1995 |
| Debbie Elliott / Susan Smith (co-dir's) | 1996 - 1997 |

# BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION
# ORGANIZED 1928

Baptist Young People's Union
1945

Training Union
1972

Discipleship Training 1997

## CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|---|
| No Record | 1928 |
| Miss Annie Ranson | 1929 - 1930 |
| Edward Ranson | 1931 - 1932 |
| Miss Gladys Ranson | 1933 |
| Gene Richardson | 1934 |
| Miss Myrle Dinkins | 1935 |
| Miss Odelle Ranson | 1936 |
| Miss Gladys Ranson | 1937 |
| Miss Emma Lou Ranson | 1938 |
| Miss Jessie Mary Ranson | 1939 |
| Miss Helen Garrett | 1940 |
| Mrs. W. B. Ranson | 1941 |
| Nelson Garrett | 1942 - 1943 |
| Mrs. Glenn Martin | 1944 |
| Miss Odelle Ranson | 1945 |
| Miss Etta Ranson | 1946 |
| Mrs. Edward Almond | 1947 |
| Mrs. Claiborne Inge | 1948 |
| Mrs. Toby E. Inge | 1949 - 1950 |
| Miss Joyce Harris | 1951 |
| Claiborne Inge | 1952 |
| Wilson Almond | 1953 |
| Mrs. Kermit Paulett | 1954 |
| Mrs. Toby E. Inge | 1955 - 1958 |
| Mrs. M. E. Ranson | 1959 |
| Mrs. Etta Inge | 1960 - 1961 |
| Mrs. Joe Almond | 1962 |
| Mrs. Etta Inge | 1963 |
| Aulden Roach | 1964 |
| Thomas Ranson | 1965 - 1969 |
| Aulden Roach | 1970 |
| Spud Almond | 1971 |
| Kenneth Richardson | 1972 - 1976 |
| Audrey Almond | 1977 |
| Mary Edith Morris | 1978 |
| Etta Inge | 1979 - 1981 |
| Helen Inge | 1982 |
| Sandra McIntosh | 1983 |
| Rita Inge/Nancy Williams | 1984 |
| Etta Inge | 1985 |
| Nancy Williams | 1986 - 1988 |
| Not Active Organization | 1989 - 1991 |
| Rev. Tom Jones | 1992 - 1994 |
| Audrey Almond | 1995 - 1997 |

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Organized 1896 By Rev. W. E. Wright

Miss Carrie Cawthorn
First President

Woman's Missionary
Society 1972

Present Women on Mission

# YOUTH MISSION ORGANIZATIONS

YWA - 1963

Sunbeams organized 1921
Girl's Auxiliary oraganized 1932
Young Women's Auxiliary
organized 1933

Sunbeams 1965

Youth Organizations 1972
Acteens, Girls-In-Action, Children-InAction, Mission Friends

Present Youth Organizations
Acteens, Girls-In-Action. and Mission Friends

PRESIDENTS & DIRECTORS
Miss Carrie Cawthorn
Mrs. S. M. Ranson
Mrs. Kate Dinkins
Mrs. Bettie Ranson
Mrs. Mildred Inge
Miss Cassie Baldwin
Mrs. H. M. Marks
Mrs. Clara Garrett
Mrs. Etta Harris
Mrs. Odelle Paulett
Mrs. Etta Inge
Mrs. Gillette Elder
Mrs. Helen Inge
Mrs. Odelle Ranson
Mrs. Connie Sandman
Mrs. Ruth Caldwell

BROTHERHOOD
Organized 1952

Brotherhood 1972

Present Brotherhood

Royal Ambassadors organized in 1933 under the WMU. In 1970 became part of the Brotherhood.

R.A.'s 1965

Present R.A.'s

BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS OR DIRECTORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Edward Ranson | 1952 - 1953 |
| Toby Inge | 1954 |
| D. Wilson Almond | 1955 - 1958 |
| Allen Franklin | 1959 - 1961 |
| W . R. Moore | 1962 - 1970 |
| Joe Almond | 1971 |
| Thomas Ranson | 1972 - 1976 |
| Lewis Harris | 1977 - 1980 |
| Wilson Almond | 1981 - 1982 |
| Bill Woody | 1983 - 1987 |
| Rev. Winfred Elder | 1988 - 1991 |
| Bill Woody | 1992 - 1995 |
| Mark Heilig | 1996 |
| Joel Meissner | 1997 |

# CHURCH MUSIC

Children's Choir 1961

Youth Choir
1972

Present Children's Choir

Adult Choir 1972

Present Adult Choir

PRESENT MUSIC LEADERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Patricia Elder | Music Direcrtor |
| Barbara Shelton | Pianist |
| Susan Smith | Organist |
| Mary Ann Freshwater | Director - Children's Choir |
| Susan Smith | Pianist - Children's Choir |

Mrs. Gillette Elder
Pianist

Miss Christine Dickerson
Organist

Gillette Elder and Christine Dickerson were a part of the music program at Rocks for a total of seventy-one years combined.

Christine became pianist in 1956, and then organist in 1970 thru September 1992. A total of thirty-six years she gave of her musical talent to glorify the name of her Lord and Savior.

Gillette became music director in 1960 and was a part of the music program until September 1995. In 1970 she became pianist. Gillette gave thirty-five years sharing her music talent that the Lord so richly blessed her with.

Many have been blessed by the music these two ladies have so beautifully provided throughout the years.

| TREASURERS | |
|---|---|
| G. H. Ranson | 1926 - 1939 |
| Richard Inge | 1940 |
| G. S. Martin | 1941 - 1942 |
| H. F. Martin | 1943 - 1947 |
| Glenn S. Martin | 1948 |
| No Records | 1949 - 1960 |
| S. E. Ranson | 1961 - 1980 |
| Harry E. Ranson | 1988 - 1990 |
| Bill Caldwell | 1985 - 1987 |
| Harry E Ranson | 1988 - 1990 |
| Spud Almond | 1991 - 1993 |
| Mary Edith Morris | 1994 - 1996 |
| Spud Almond | 1997 |

| CLERKS | |
|---|---|
| W. C. Farrar | 1885 |
| W. P. Gills | 1886 - 1898 |
| A. A. Baldwin | 1899 - 1920 |
| S. H. Dickerson | 1921 - 1925 |
| Mrs. D. W. Dinkins | 1926 - 1938 |
| Miss Cassie Baldwin | 1939 - 1980 |
| Mrs. Louise R. Roach | 1981 - 1983 |
| Mrs Rose Richardson | 1984 - 1986 |
| Mrs. Jane Mason | 1987 - 1988 |
| Mrs. Joan Ranson | 1989 - 1991 |
| Mrs. Erma Woody | 1992 - 1994 |
| Mrs. Mary Anne Freshwater | 1995 |
| Mrs. Helen Inge | 1995 - 1997 |

| CHURCH SECRETARIES | |
|---|---|
| Louise R. Roach | 1973 - 1983 |
| Rose S. Richardson | 1984 - 1986 |
| Nancy B. Williams | 1987 - 1989 |
| Sandra R. McIntosh | 1990 - 1991 |
| Zandra C. Elder | 1992 - 1997 |

NOTEBURNING
October 1961

Church remodeled in 1952

FRONT ROW: Edward Ranson, H. F. Martin, Glenn Martin, Rev. Elder, Rev. Bailey
BACK ROW: Jim Ranson, Claiborne Inge, G. T. Marsh, Wilson Almond, Cal Ranson, Lloyd Richardson, Allen Franklin, Toby Inge

## MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS

The task of the Church is to share the Gospel message with all the world.

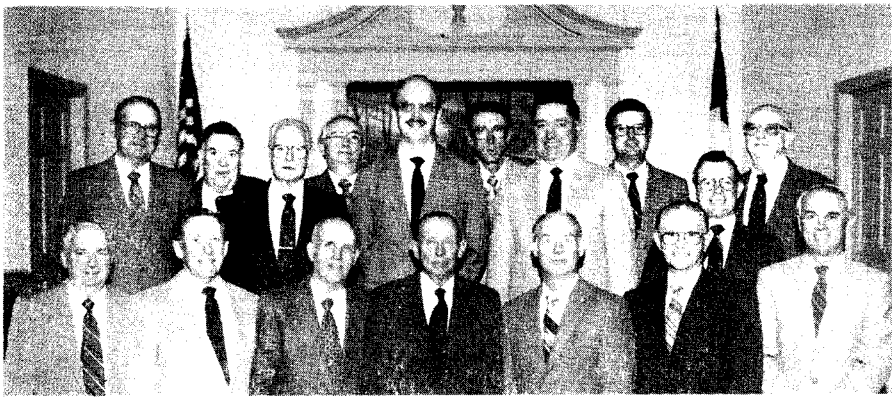
"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Our church strives to fulfill the Great commission with ministries, mission projects, and mission trips.

We begin at home . . . . . .

## Ministering Body of the Church



Deacons 1988

Present Deacons - Harry E. Ranson, chm.
Deacons not in picture: Jim Frank Ranson, Allen Franklin, Ken Caldwell, Dave Sandman, Tommy Spain

From the youngest . . . . . .

Children's Church with Pastor Tom

to the oldest . . . . . .

Rolling Rocks
Carol Jones, Director

In our area .....

## SINGING MINISTRY

The Rocks Quartet was formed in 1965. They shared the gospel message through song for thirteen years.

## NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Christmas Store, Bednar's Home for Adults, Keysville, VA. A monthly ministry begun 1977 to present by the Laura Lee Stewart Circle.

Campers on Mission
1970

Backyard Bible School

Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park, Spout Spring, VA. Ministry begun 1984 by Rocks WMU, continues today sponsored by the Association.

MEXICAN MIGRANT WORK

Association project begun in 1983 to present. Rocks has always participated in this mission effort.

1981 Assoc. Refugee Project Chinh & Ri van Lam & Quang.

Within the United States . . . . . .

Sister Church
East Peacham Baptist Church,
Peacham, VT 1978 - 1996

Rocks Volunteer Team in 1979
to East Peacham Baptist Church

Assisting Nettie Baptist Church, Nettie, WVA 1992. Rev. & Mrs. W. H. Elder and Patricia Elder, Marilyn Harris and Acteens. Porch was built to pastor's house

Acteens - Pleasant Baptist Church, Bell Mont WVA, 1993 VBS, Canvasing and promoting fellowship within the church.

Acteens - 1996 Portsmouth, VA VBS, Nursing Home Visitation Part mission with tracks.

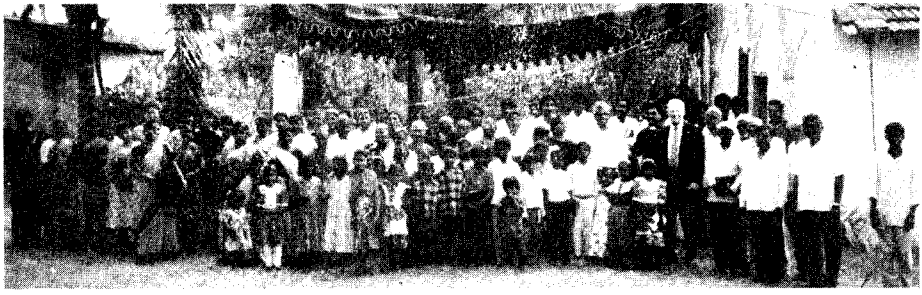
Association Sister relationship - a team went to Ambassador Baptist Church, Fitchburg, MA-VBS work Zandra and Clara Jo Elder from Rocks 1991 and 1992.

Association Disaster Relief Team - First Baptist Church, Florida City, FL - Clean-up and construction following Hurricane Andrew 1993. Zandra Elder from Rocks.

around the world .....

Partnership Mission Team - Mexico City - 1992. Gillette Elder, Rev. Tom Jones & Rev. J. R. Darden, Evangelism Work.

Partnership Mission Team - Costa Rica - 1992. Evangelistic work in San Juan and rural areas. Zandra Elder from Rocks.



India 1993 - Patnership Mission - "Crossover India" the Bi-Centennial celebration. William Carey beginning mission work in India. Rev. Tom Jones from Rocks.

Partnership Missions Evangelism work with Azcapotzalco First Baptist Church Daughter and Mother accepted Christ after visit to their home. Mexico City, MX 1994 Zandra Elder from Rocks.

Israel - 1997 Rev. Tom Jones Baptist Village in Central Sharon near Tel Aviv.

# ROCKS BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - PAST AND PRESENT

## Chronological, starting with 1850

* Asterisk denotes present members

Mrs. Mary Ranson
Mrs. Frances Baldwin
Martha Cawthorne
Elizabeth Marsh
Judith Ferguson
Elizabeth E. Lewis
Angie Farrar
Martha A. Mann
Catherine Ranson
M."J." Farrar
Bettie Hamilton
Mary J. Glover
Elizabeth Farrar
S. M. Ranson
Tom G. Ranson
Mrs. Mary E. Webb
Mrs. Virginia A. Woolridge
Mrs. Emma Browning
Mrs. Bettie Cralle
Peter C. Ranson
Mrs. Eleanor D. Glover
Mrs. Martha S. Hamilton
Charlotte Gunter
Mrs. M. L. Inge
Mrs. L. A. Inge
James P. Cawthorne
Miss Martha G. Paulett
Joshua W. Clark
Mrs. Henrietta Eagles
Miss Mattie J. Paulett
J.D. Cawthorn
Mrs. Martha E. Glover
Mrs. L. J. Ford
J. W. Clark
J. P. Ferguson
E. F. Glover
Miss Genava Baldwin
Mrs. Martha A. Clark
Mrs. Ida Foster
R. D. Baldwin
R. H. Browning
J. N. Meadows
J. B. Bagby
Queen V. Dickerson
Jennie Johnson
Fletcher Dickerson
A. W. Baldwin
W.W. Chernault
H. R. Pittman
T. E. Paulette
Mrs. Emma Jennings
J. W. Cawthorn

R. C. Peterson
D. C. Almond
C. N. Wilkerson
G. T. Farrar
S. H. Cawthorn
S. W. Cawthorn
Amanda Chenault
Nannie E. Chernault
Mary Steward
Luena Dickerson
Mildred E. Bagby
Eliza Rush
Ann E. Paulett
Mary J. Owens
A. B. Baldwin
James F. Meadows
J. B. Ferguson
R. P. Jennings
J. Wlaker Meadows
Viola Dickerson
Mrs. Lou P. Meadows
A.A. Webb
William P. Davis
W. E. Paulette
Willie Rush
John R. Fore
W. H. Inge
A. W. Childress
Albert Griffith
Virginia Meadows
Mollie E. Cawthorn
Mary E. Paulett
S. W. Farrar
Alonza Hamilton
Mrs. Bettie Cawthorn
W. C. Farrar
Dallas Childress
E. S. Boatwright
O.C.W. Childress
Henry W. Clark
A. A. Baldwin
S. B. Foster
Mrs. Rosa E. Jennings
Mrs. Laura Meadows Roach
Mrs. Hariett E. Cawthorn
Mrs. Martha J. Clark
Mrs. Maccie Childress
William J. Morris
Thomas B. Proffitt
William J. Green
Pryer Woodson
Hannah Davis

Lizzie T. Cawthorn
Rosa E. Clark
Margaret Childress
Calotta Cawthorn
Callie D. Childress
Margarett J. Morris
Cora E. Baldwin
Mary E. Almond
Mary A. Almond
Roberta Johnson
Alice Ferguson
Clem Wilkerson
Mrs. Mary Almer Inge
John R. Inge
Ida Inge
Arrissa Inge
Lucy Meadows
C.S. Cawthorn
William P. Gills
Samuel P. Cawthorne
Nannie Johnson
Kate Paulett
Mrs. Foster
Wiley Meadows
John N. Dickerson
Samuel D. Cheatham
Robert W. Connor
Emerline P. Cheatham
Lucy J. Inge
Lillie D. Almond
Bettie Combey
Lelia Combey
Newton Meadows
John H. Childress
Edmond W. Cawthorn
J. W. Ranson
Miss Carrie B. Cawthorn
Miss Lillian M. Cralle
Floyd C. Dickerson
Corbin C. Ranson
Edmond Connor
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